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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICAN OIL SUPPLIERS

REFERENCE: ADDIS ABABA 21873 (NOTAL)

1. COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 3 REFTEL NOT
READILY AT HAND HERE, HOPE FOLLOWING WILL BE OF SOME SERVICE
AND THAT INFO ADDRESSEES WILL ADD ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE
WHICH IS NOT REFLECTED HERE. SINCE 1962 OIL STATISTICS FOR
SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED, HENCE DIFFICULT TO COME
BY AT BEST. INFORMATION INDICATES THAT PETROLEUM PROVIDES
ONLY ABOUT 26P.C. OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOTAL ENERGY NEEDS.

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SOUTH AFRICA IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY A PROCESS FOR TURNING

THEIR ALMOST UNLIMITED COAL SUPPLIES INTO GAS. THIS WILL FURTHER REDUCE THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR CRUDE. IRAN IS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER BUT CARGOS (TERMED MINIMAL) HAVE COME FROM BAHREIN, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ. ESTIMATES VARY BUT INDICATE THAT SOUTH AFRICA IMPORTS BETWEEN 235,000 AND 250,000 BARRELS CRUDE PER DAY AND HAS AT LEAST A 6 MONTH SUPPLY STORED BELOW GROUND AS WELL AS APPROXIMATELY 70 DAYS SUPPLY IN ABOVE GROUND STORAGE. BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND REQUIREMENTS ARE INCLUDED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN STATISTICS. BELIEVE THEY WILL BE FIRST TO FEEL PINCH OF RESTRICTED POL SUPPLIES.

2. CURRENT PROJECTIONS FOR METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL CALL FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE FOR 1973. 94 PC OF THESE IMPORTS WERE PLANNED TO COME FROM MIDDLE EAST SOURCES AS FOLLOWS (IN MILLIONS OF TONS): 2.25 SAUDI ARABIA, 2.0 IRAQ, .45 ABU DHABI, .3 IRAN AND OTHER ARAB SOURCES, AND .5 CABINDA. IN ADDITION, PORTUGAL PLANNED IMPORT 1.8 MILLION TONS OF REFINED POL. UNDER CURRENT ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES PORTUGAL WILL INVOKE CLAUSE IN AGREEMENT WITH GULF OIL (THIS IS SENSITIVE INFO - DO NOT SHARE) WHEREBY 50 P.C. (PLUS ROYALTIES) OF CABINDA'S PRODUCTION CAN BE CALLED FOR AND SENT TO PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH THIS CRUDE HAS HIGH WAX CONTENT IT CAN STILL BE PROCESSED IN PORTUGAL AT SOMEWHAT INCREASED COST.

3. REMAINING FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT MURKIER. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE NO CURRENT INFORMATION ON RHODESIAN SOURCES OR CONSUMPTION BUT BELIEVE CONSUMPTION IS OFF FROM 25 TO 40 PER CENT FROM 1965 FIGURE OF 3.2 MILLION BARRELS OF POL ANNUALLY. CURRENT RHODESIAN AND MALAWI FIGURES APPEAR TO BE HIDDEN IN STATISTICS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

4. ANGOLA REFINED AND CONSUMED .63 MILLION METRIC TONS OF POL IN '72. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THERE WAS NO OUTSIDE OIL SUPPLY FOR ANGOLA. MOZAMBIQUE IMPORTED .78 MILLION METRIC TONS IN '72, ALL FROM IRAQ.

5. LATEST FIGURE AVAILABLE FOR MALAWI IS 50,000 TONS OF
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